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Want to know how bad UCF's offense was? Look at these stats — SEE SPORTS, A8



Digitize yourself

Digital Booktalk's UB the Director encourages kids to enjoy reading — SEE NEWS, A2



Technology

SECOND LIFE AFFAIR ENDS IN DIVORCE

A British couple who married in a lavish Second Life wedding ceremony are to divorce after one of them had an alleged "affair" in the online world. Amy Taylor, 28, said she had caught husband David Pollard, 40, having sex with an animated woman. The couple, who met in an Internet chatroom in 2003, are now separated. Second Life allows users to create alter egos known as "avatars" and interact with other players.



Space

PLANETS, MOON SMILE ON THE EARTH

The heavens smiled down on Earth Monday in a rare celestial trifecta of Venus, Jupiter, and the moon. The planets aligned — an event known as a conjunction — Sunday night, and were joined by a thin sliver of moon on Monday. The rare planetary meeting was visible from all parts of the world, even from light-polluted cities such as Hong Kong and New York.



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AROUND CAMPUS, A2

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS FOR STUDENTS, FACULTY

Today from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. there will be a big, red tent near the Health Services building that will offer free blood pressure screenings for students, faculty and staff as part of Project Pressure.

LOCAL & STATE, A2

HOSPITAL OFFICIALS WARN AGAINST ALTERING FORMULA

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NATION & WORLD, A4

RUSSIANS HOLD TRAINING EXERCISES WITH VENEZUELA

Russian warships have held training exercises with Venezuela's navy in Moscow's first such Caribbean deployment since the Cold War. Russian television on Tuesday showed the countries in a simulated attack.

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TODAY'S WEATHER



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Knights get in shape in their way

Leaders in three categories announced

ANDREA CANTERBURY
Staff Writer

The points have been tallied and the first winners from the "Get in Shape the Knight Way" program have been determined.

The first student winner, Alexandra Sinkover, earned the most points for the month by participating in gym and outside activities.

Delta Sigma Theta has

earned the title of Healthiest Sorority of the Month. Currently, 12 members participate in the program. They were the first sorority to sign up, accrued points by going to the gym and gained bonus points for participating in activities and joining the program's Facebook group.

The goals of "Get in Shape the Knight Way" go hand in hand with the organization's Five Point Thrust philosophy,

one of which is "Physical and Mental Health."

"As a chapter, we saw 'Get in Shape the Knight Way' as something not only beneficial to our own physical and mental health, but also as a means to live what we promote, so to speak, and lead by example," said Ashley Dieudonne, second vice president of the sorority.

PLEASE SEE **PROGRAM** ON A7



Sigma Pi, the winning fraternity for "Get in Shape the Knight Way" participates in the IM football games, in which the team's overall record was 9-1, reaching quarterfinals of Comp B.

No green on grass



SARAH ROGERS / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

NORML President Brendon Rivard speaks to the Golden Rule Review Committee about equalizing marijuana and alcohol punishments.

Golden Rule Review Committee stalemate postpones pot proposal

DONALD THOMANN
Staff Writer

As a result of a stalemate 3-3 vote Tuesday, the final decision on a proposal that would equalize university penalties for marijuana and alcohol offenses has been pushed back to spring 2009.

"We are not trying to promote drug use with this proposal," said UCF Student Senator Brendon Rivard, "but to discourage irresponsible drinking. Alcohol is more dangerous than weed, and by making the penalties more severe for marijuana offenders, we are implicitly stating that it's OK to use the more dangerous substance."

At a meeting on Tuesday, Rivard presented to the Golden Rule Review Committee a proposal that would change the current Golden Rule

statutes regarding marijuana policy at UCF.

If enacted, the new policy would reduce the penalties for first and second time misdemeanor marijuana possession and paraphernalia charges to the same level as the penalties currently in place regarding alcohol offenses, such as drinking on campus and underage drinking.

The equalization proposal would establish a three-strike policy for marijuana offenders. The first offense would come with the minimum drug education class and up to one semester of academic probation, the second offense would mandate a drug class and up to two semesters probation and the third offense could result in suspension for two semesters

GOLDEN RULE

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For video from the meeting, go to www.UCFNews.com

with the possibility of expulsion.

As it stands, the proposal only covers paraphernalia charges and possession charges of less than 14 grams, and would be in addition to any criminal charges at the state and local level.

Further, Rivard said that it would not cover possession of hard drugs such as heroin and amphetamines, and it would

PLEASE SEE **COMMITTEE** ON A5

One gay group to take action

A Day Without a Gay plans for service

WHITNEY HAMRICK
Variety Editor

While those planning to skip work and save money through abstaining to spend in protest along side the Day Without Gays boycott, A Day Without a Gay: Call in Gay hopes to open a positive discourse through community service.

On Dec. 10, which is International Human Rights Day, members and supporters of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community have been asked to boycott the economy by taking off work and forgoing monetary contributions to society.

"What if, just for one day, those who could take off work, did?" said Sean Hetherington, one of the organizers for A Day Without a Gay. "And instead of staying home feeling hopeless, they went out and did good things for their own LGBT community and/or the greater world to show America that we are compassionate loving people, even in the face of being outcast as separate but equal."

Hetherington, a personal trainer in West Hollywood, heard about the Day Without Gays boycott to be held Dec.



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A Day Without a Gay: Call in Gay hopes for positive discourse by community service.

10, and wondered how effective it would be.

Instead of staying home from work and not spending any money, Hetherington and his boyfriend, Aaron Hartzler, came up with the idea of donating that time to community service.

"We read about the national boycott of the U.S. economy and the work force and support it, but wanted to add a service element to it so that efforts were still going back into the non-profit economy," Hetherington wrote in an e-mail. "Every time someone holds up a

PLEASE SEE **SITE** ON A6

The trials, rewards of being in honors

JOHN MURPHY
Contributing Writer

A student with three or four tough classes such as calculus or physics may think they have it bad, but it's probably nothing compared to the students who attend the Burnett Honors College, which can be a bitter-sweet experience for both students and instructors alike.

Just ask Justin Sanak, a freshman who is enrolled in two honors courses at UCF. He is currently one of many students attending the honors college, and is enrolled in honors sociology and astronomy. In addition, he takes two standard-level classes, Finite Math and Intro to Computer Science.

Sanak often has to spend several sleepless nights, with coffee cup or can of Red Bull in hand, studying into the early hours of the morning for that all-important test to maintain a satisfactory GPA. Amazingly, it

ELIGIBILITY

Admission to The Burnett Honors College is highly selective. Typically, academically talented students identified by the UCF Undergraduate Admissions Office are invited to apply to University Honors by The Burnett Honors College. However, any incoming student interested in applying to The Burnett Honors College may request an Honors Application by completing and submitting the Honors Application Request form. To be eligible to apply to The Burnett Honors College, students must:

- Be admitted to UCF
- Complete the Honors application in its entirety, including the personal statement and an unofficial copy of the high school transcript.

doesn't seem to faze him, and he especially enjoys the community aspect of the college.

PLEASE SEE **HONORS** ON A6

Education and the Web look for happy medium

CASSIE MORIEN
Contributing Writer

Social networking Web sites are quickly becoming one of the main avenues of communication in today's society. But education may be the one profession that remains exceptionally wary of the social networking craze.

Sites such as Facebook and MySpace allow users to discover long lost friends, announce company meetings, plan elaborate events, instantly chat and upload hundreds of personal pictures for free.

These popular sites have been utilized around the globe by a variety of age groups. Pre-pubescent middle school students and entire universities, to large corporate businesses and the media can all easily be accessed through Facebook and MySpace. "In education we are very careful of our personal lives," Robert Lundquist, principal at Oviedo High School, said. "We are center stage at all time in front of the public. We do not want to jeopardize the integrity of what we do."

PLEASE SEE **OPINIONS** ON A7



AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

Under pressure: free screening

Today from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. there will be a red tent near the Health Center for students, faculty and staff to get free blood pressure screenings.

For more information, contact Health Services.

Weight Watchers meeting today

There will be a Weight Watchers meeting today from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in the UCF Human Resource Department, which is located in the University Tech Center on Research Parkway.

Weigh-ins start at 5:15 p.m. and the meeting starts at 5:45 p.m.

UCF Human Resources teams with Weight Watchers and holds regular meetings every Wednesday for the UCF community.

For more information, contact Debbie Frankenbach at 407-823-2777 or e-mail dfranken@mail.ucf.edu.

Learn about service-learning

There will be consultations about service-learning and getting started with it on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. in Room 207 in Classroom Building I.

For more information, contact Amy Zeh at 407-823-3544 or e-mail azeb@mail.ucf.edu.

LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

Infant almost dies after mother used watered-down formula

TAMPA — A mother who watered down her infant's formula to save money almost watched the 5-month old die.

Now, hospital officials are cautioning cash-strapped parents from trying something similar.

La'Damian Barton was hospitalized at University Community Hospital in Tampa last week after he had a seizure and stopped breathing.

Doctors diagnosed water intoxication and malnourishment in the infant.

Dr. James Orlowski, chief of Pediatrics at UCH, said the baby had low blood sodium, which is why he had a seizure. At 8 pounds, 6 ounces, the baby is severely underweight and should weigh about 12 pounds now, the doctor said.

"He looks like he was in a concentration camp," Orlowski said.

The child was expected to be released later Tuesday.

PLEASE SEE LOCAL ON A2

CORRECTION

In the Dec. 1 issue of the Future, the article titled "Gay day strikes for equality," incorrectly referred to the boycott as A Day Without a Gay. It is actually called Day Without Gays.

The two organizations are separate entities that are staging events on Dec. 10.

They are not directly affiliated.

DIGITAL TALK

Digital Booktalk gets students motivated to read

SHAUN BEVAN
Staff Writer

The movie trailer begins in monochrome color as Winston Smith walks home from work.

With his briefcase in hand, he walks past headpiece posters of a man who resembles Joseph Stalin. Once at home, he lights a lone candle, removes a battered old diary from a desk drawer and commits one of the most illegal acts of his time. He writes in black ink: "Down with Big Brother."

This book trailer of George Orwell's 1984 is just one of the many short movie trailers of classic and contemporary novels that are directed and produced by students of all ages. Like Orwell's trailer, the short digital films are designed to entice younger students to pick up the book and start reading.

"What I have found is that kids have trouble visualizing on their own," a UCF digital media assistant professor Robert Kenny said. "Kids that don't like to read have trouble taking a text and making a picture out of it. They may be able to describe a little bit, but if their vocabulary is limited, then they are essentially behind the eight-ball."

Visualizing a story is what Kenny and UCF educational technology program coordinator Glenda Gunter seek to achieve with their Digital Booktalk program.

Digital Booktalk is a multimedia interactive program in which students analyze a book and then create a 2-minute trailer, which often resemble low-budget films and occasionally rival Hollywood, in order to introduce the novel to visually-minded middle and high school students.

According to the 2007 U.S. Department of Education's Nation's Report Card, Florida's eighth grade reading level is about even with the rest of the country. Florida scored an average of 260 out of 500 on the reading scale, which means students were able to locate specific information in a text, connect the main ideas and make generalizations about the work.

"Struggling readers have a great deal of difficulty decoding words as they read," Gunter wrote in an e-mail interview. "They usually have to decode each word one at a time and while doing this they lose the gist or the content of what they are reading. By creating their own Digital Booktalk, or book trailers, it helps them to see the text and, at the same time, learn to create stories through the story invention process."

While reading comprehension is a problem, Kenny says the missing link with middle and high school students is motivation.

"They love stories, and they love visuals, so we use that as the motivating factor," Kenny said.



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Robert Kenny, an assistant professor of digital media, and Glenda Gunter, an associate professor in the College of Education, created Digital Booktalk for middle and high school students to generate interest in reading and multi-media.

"But, when we got into the storytelling portion, we found out that they didn't know how to tell a story. The story-creation process is not taught in lower education."

Teaching students about the elements of a story and how to tell the story is one of the benefits of digital booktalk. As a group, the students have to discuss the elements of the story, such as character, theme and plot in order to create an accurate book trailer. In the process of writing scripts, storyboards and a reflection paper after the project is finished, the students improve their writing by practice.

"Students enjoy being part of their own learning," Gunter said. "They do not always understand how to create a story, but after we have gone through and taught them the curriculum, they want to read more books so they can create more and understand more. We have found a way to use their visual world and create a whole new way of looking at the printed world. They continue to want more and more, and they improve in their reading and writing skills with each project."

"Good story creators become great story consumers."

Unlike movie trailers, which often use gimmicks to sell tickets, book trailers focus on the

moral of the story, Kenny said.

"For a book trailer, you focus on the change piece," Kenny said. "So you would show the change in the trailer, but not necessarily tell them how the person changes. You want them to read the book, but you tell them what they are looking for and what the agenda is."

With the UB (You Be) the Director Curriculum Model, which helps educators and students alike employ the creation process to their own book trailers, the idea of Digital Booktalk reaches out globally on the World Wide Web. Book trailer directors can submit their final projects to the Web site to be reviewed and possibly added to the current 47 titles available. Some titles include Twilight by Stephenie Meyer, Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury, and Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky.

Although the process has received local acclaim by educators, it's difficult to tell if there are any long-term benefits from Digital Booktalk, Kenny said.

"There are so many people that impose themselves on these kids in a course of a school day, so as far as accountability goes, it's tough to find out who is that one person responsible," Kenny said.

But there is no doubt about it that Digital Booktalk has increased motivation and confidence in reading, Gunter said.

"Through the use of Digital Booktalk and UB the Director they become more confident in their skills and are learning to visualize the text," Gunter said. "When we increase motivation to read, we also have lowered that anxiety that has been holding them back. With these three things combined we are getting passed their reluctance to read."

For more information on Digital Booktalk, visit www.digitalbooktalk.com.



LOCAL WEATHER

 <p>Today SUNNY</p> <p>High: 69° Low: 51°</p>	<p>TODAY IN DETAIL</p> <p>Today: Sunny throughout the day with no chance of rain and winds from the northeast at 10 mph.</p> <p>Tonight: A mostly clear night with a 10 percent chance of rain and winds from the northeast at 5 mph.</p>	 	<p>Thursday PARTLY CLOUDY</p> <p>High: 75° Low: 51°</p> <p>Friday PARTLY CLOUDY</p> <p>High: 75° Low: 53°</p>
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Book instructs legal highs

KATIE KUSTURA
Contributing Writer

Toad venom may be the new marijuana, come Dec. 30.

Just what is the cause that will make toads so coveted? The answer: a book called *Legally Stoned* by forensic psychologist Todd A. Theis.

Described by Citadel Press as "the first 'how-to' book for legal drug use," *Legally Stoned* will inform readers how to get high without breaking the law.

Included will be a list of 14 psychoactive substances accompanied with pictures. For each substance listed, Theis provides a basic description, its history, chemical makeup, how to obtain and use the substance, the physiological effects, the reported effects, and possible risks associated with use.

What kind of effect will a book like this have on our society? Students at UCF seem to think it will be educational above all else.

Junior Nicole Imperial, 20, thinks the book will be informative, and if anyone has a problem with it, it'll probably be the baby-boomer generation.

"Personally, I think the positive effects will outweigh the negative effects," Imperial said.

Junior Renee LeMieux, 22, is also in support of the book's

potential to be educational.

"Society is becoming more accepting toward drug use whether it be Advil for a headache, coffee before an early class or a joint right before bed. People should be educated regardless of the drug being legal or illegal," LeMieux wrote in an email.

In addition to information on substances, Theis will address the social and political aspects of drug use and give his own argument against the war on drugs.

"It's all propaganda is what it is," said Andre Cadieux, the president of Students for Sensible Drug Policy, about the war on drugs.

Cadieux, who explained that his club isn't even about drugs but about civil liberties,

doesn't think the book will have a big effect and that the war on drugs was dubbed as such by politicians.

Many students expressed concern not about the book but about the current restrictions placed on drug use and the punitive measures taken against those who break the rules so to speak.

"I think the current restrictions on drug use are too severe, along with the punishments that go along with breaking the restrictions if one chooses to do so," 23-year-old senior Lauren Gwynn said.

Gwynn also said that it's drug abuse, not use, that is the problem and that drug abusers should be thrown in rehab instead of in jail.

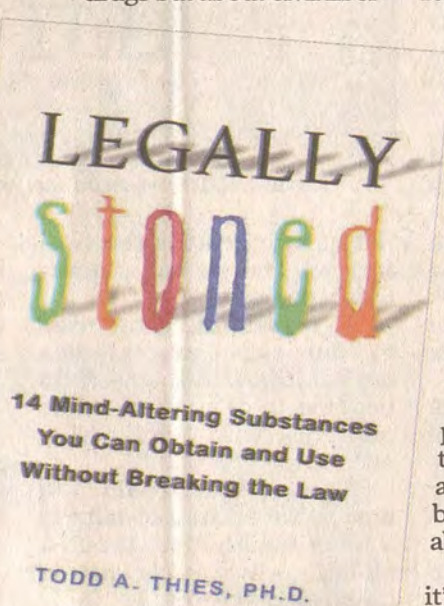
Senior Chris Bodenhamer, 21, also said that society should be less punitive and focus more on helping those with addictions and other mental health issues.

Junior Elizabeth Crespo, 19, said drug use is always going to be a problem.

"I think people are going to use the drugs regardless," said Crespo.

Cadieux said that most people who use psychoactive substances are already aware of the ones Theis will be publishing information about in the book.

"If it's not popular by now, it's for a reason," Cadieux said.



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LOCAL & STATE

FROM A2

Endeavour could begin journey to Florida as early as Sunday

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — NASA says space shuttle Endeavour could begin its journey back in Florida as early as Sunday.

The space shuttle touched down in California over the weekend after stormy weather at the shuttle's main Florida landing site forced a landing at Edwards Air Force Base.

The diversion means a delay in returning Endeavour to its home base. It takes about a week and costs \$1.8 million to transport the shuttle from California to Florida atop a modified jumbo jet.

Endeavour returned from a nearly 16-day mission to repair and upgrade the international space station.

Court decision could cause tough time for charter schools

TALLAHASSEE — It may be harder for charter schools to get approval in Florida after an appellate court decision.

Before Tuesday, a state panel could approve charter schools, sidestepping local school boards.

But a three-judge panel of the 1st District Court of Appeal ruled a 2006 law creating the panel conflicts with the Florida Constitution. Charter schools again will have to be approved by local school boards, many of which are cool to the charter concept.

The constitution gives school boards, not the state, authority to operate, control and supervise public schools, the court said.

Charter schools get public money but are run by private individuals, groups and organizations or in some cases public agencies.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

iPod to become standard for Ohio State medical students
COLUMBUS, Ohio — The iPod is going to medical school.

Officials said Tuesday that an Apple Inc. portable media player will become standard equipment for Ohio State University med students.

They'll use the devices to view videos of medical treatments and review images of the human body and organs. Students with the handheld gadgets also will be able to show patients photographs to help identify medications they're already taking before any new drugs are given.

Third-year medical student Justin Harper is credited with recognizing the potential in the iPod "touch" model, equivalent to an Apple iPhone without the telephone features.

The university says within two years every Ohio State medical student will be issued an iPod touch loaded with special medical software.

Lawmakers unable to agree on location for new UW campus

EVERETT, Wash. — Lawmakers from Snohomish County have been unable to agree on a location for a new state college north of Seattle, effectively delaying the timeline for opening a new branch of the University of Washington.

Plans for the new campus have been delayed repeatedly, mostly because of a lack of consensus on the location. Lawmakers in the region can't agree on whether to build next to the Everett transit center or on some undeveloped land near Marysville.

Nearly \$2 million in tax dollars have been spent to explore the idea of a new college in Snohomish County. The Everett Herald newspaper reports the site was supposed to be announced this week, but has been delayed again because of the lack of consensus.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

NATION & WORLD

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Ultra-Orthodox Jewish men attend the funeral procession of Rabbi Gavriel Noach Holtzberg and his wife, Rivkah, who were killed in the Mumbai Jewish center attack.

Russian warships hold training exercises with Venezuela navy

CARACAS, Venezuela — Russian warships have held training exercises with Venezuela's navy in Moscow's first such Caribbean deployment since the Cold War.

Russian television on Tuesday showed images of a Venezuelan-operated Sukhoi fighter jet swooping low over Soviet warships in a simulated air attack.

The exercises that ended late Monday included an air defense exercise and joint actions to spot, pursue and detain an intruding vessel, Russian navy spokesman Capt. Igor Dygalo said.

The Russian ships arrived in Venezuela last week in an operation widely seen as a show of Kremlin anger over the U.S. decision to deliver aid to Georgia aboard warships following that country's conflict with Russia.

President Hugo Chavez has said the naval exercises weren't meant as a provocation to the United States or any other nation.

He has praised Russia for raising its profile in the Americas, while saying the U.S. Navy's recently reactivated Fourth Fleet poses a threat to Venezuela.

U.S. officials says the Fourth Fleet, which was dissolved after World War II, will help maintain security in the Caribbean and Latin America while performing humanitarian missions and counter-drug operations.

Israeli settlers, Palestinians hurl stones at each other in dispute

HEBRON, West Bank — Israeli settlers and Palestinians hurled stones at each other Tuesday near a disputed home in this West Bank city, injuring two dozen people, including a Jewish teenager with a serious head wound, medics and Israeli officials said.

Seventeen Israelis and Palestinians were arrested, police said.

The clash was the worst outbreak of violence in the dispute over ownership of a four-story building where settlers have defied an Israeli Supreme Court order to vacate.

On Monday, hundreds of right-wing Israelis rushed to the house following rumors that eviction was imminent.

Hebron, holy to Jews and Muslims, is one of the most volatile flashpoints in the West Bank. Some 500 hard-line Jewish settlers live in guarded enclaves amid some 170,000 Palestinians in the city, and the sides frequently clash.

Israeli security forces did not intervene Monday as hundreds of settlers threw stones at Palestinian cars and nearby houses, defaced a Muslim cemetery and damaged Palestinian property in several other areas of the West Bank.

On Tuesday, settlers again threw stones at Palestinians in the neighborhood, and then Palestinian residents took to rooftops and hurled rocks at settlers.

The vastly outnumbered security forces occasionally fired stun grenades.

Palestinians dropped a large rock on a 16-year-old Israeli who suffered serious head injuries, the Magen David Adom rescue service said. In all, 18 Israelis were hurt, the Israeli medics said.

Their Palestinian counterparts said seven Palestinians were injured by stones.

Federal judge in Kansas stays execution for former soldier

TOPEKA, Kan. — A federal judge in Kansas has issued a stay in what would be the military's first execution since 1961.

U.S. District Judge Richard Rogers issued the order Nov. 26 in the case of former soldier Ronald A. Gray, who had been scheduled to die Dec. 10 for a spree of murders and rapes in the 1980s.

Attorneys for the Justice Department filed documents Tuesday asking Rogers to reconsider his stay order.

The 43-year-old Gray is held at the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth. He was arrested in connection with a spree of four slayings and eight rapes in the Fayetteville, N.C., area between April 1986 and January 1987, while he was stationed at Fort Bragg. He was convicted of murdering two women.

Strong southern winds batter Venice with high tide, flooding

VENICE, Italy — Strong southern winds pushed the Adriatic Sea into Venice again Tuesday, submerging parts of the lagoon city a day after an unusually high tide caused the worst flooding in 20 years.

Tuesday's tidal surge peaked at 3 feet, 4 inches, well below Monday's 5 foot, 1-inch level, which marked the fourth highest tide in the city's recorded history and the worst since 1986.

Still, the water Tuesday was high enough to flood the city's landmark St. Mark's Square and other low-lying areas.

Tourists and locals waded through the historic piazza with high boots as alarms warned of the latest bout of "acqua alta." At least one person decided to enjoy the flooded square, zipping about with a kite-surf until police stepped in to end his fun.

Kmart worker shot at store loading dock Tuesday morning

PHILADELPHIA — A Kmart worker was shot and critically wounded at a store loading dock Tuesday morning after he intervened in an argument between a co-worker and her boyfriend, police said.

The 35-year-old victim was shot three times, in the head, arm and chest, around 9:30 a.m., according to police. He was in critical condition at a hospital.

The gunman began arguing with his girlfriend outside the store and then followed her inside, according to Lt. Frank Vanore. He followed her through the store and back to the loading dock, where he pulled out a handgun and opened fire, striking another employee who intervened, according to police.

Officers fanned out around the northeast Philadelphia store in search of the alleged gunman, identified by police as Daryl Anthony Birch, 30. A telephone listing for Birch could not immediately be located by The Associated Press.

Kim Freely, a Chicago-based Kmart spokeswoman, declined to comment.

Two elementary schools, one of them several blocks from the scene, were locked down after the shooting, said Fernando Gallardo, a spokesman for the city school district.

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All Systems Go!!! for Poverty Branch album

MEGAN PRATT
Contributing Writer

Gunslingers, preachers, robbers and the Wild West are things of the past. Now it's the space age for Poverty Branch — an Orlando-based band with a new CD on the way — and its taking the space theme sky high.

Stationed between pool and air hockey tables, a Star Trek pin ball machine, guitar cases and amplifiers, the five musicians tweak their instruments before running through their new song, "Religion is a Bad Word," one more time in preparation for their CD release show on Saturday at BackBooth in downtown Orlando.

"It has to be perfect guys," said Dave Burleson, the lead singer and guitar player. "Let's run it into the ground."

A surge of vibrations rush through the room as sound waves bounce from the dark wood, A-frame ceiling to the brown tiles of the game room they practice in.

These band practices take up the band members' Monday nights and aren't always easy to fit into their busy schedules. Juggling work with enrollment at UCF and practicing their music, they keep their planners full.

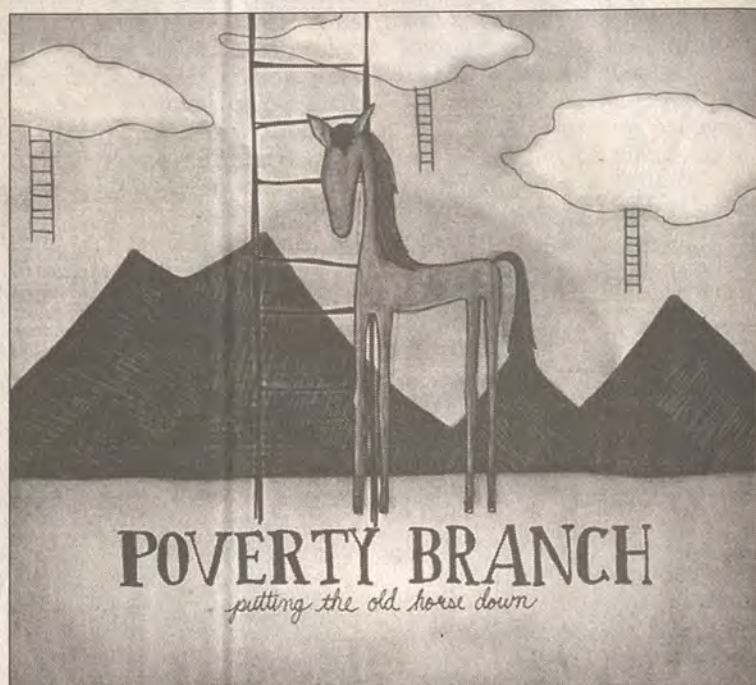
Burleson, 25, is a video game production graduate student. Jonathan Pratt, 23, the band's percussive force, is a communications major. Kyle Cox, who sings backup and plays the keyboard and lead guitar, is a business major. The band's bass player, Brendan May, 22, is a history major. Laiza Rodriguez, 22, backup singer and guitarist, works at Vizions Aviations Interiors as an efficiency expert, but focuses heavily on her solo music project when she's not at band practice or work.

But all of the hard work shows as they run through song after song from their new album *All Systems Go!!!*. The space theme of the new CD is worlds from the original wild west approach the band had on its 2007 release *Putting the Old Horse Down*, but both themes come from the same concept.

"The basic idea of the band is the brain child I had was that Poverty Branch would be based around people viewing their lives as movies, and I wanted to theme every album around that idea," Burleson said. "The first album was kind of country-western, and I wrote the songs as if I viewed my life as a country-western movie The second album is kind of the same thing, only with space."

Aiming for an audience of 20-somethings, the songs were written to capture the exploration, and sometimes craziness, that is experienced during that time in life.

"We kind of reach this place where ... either our personalities solidify or they drastically change because we just start feeling kind of crazy. I mean, do we know what we really know?" Burleson said. "We go to college to learn about the world, and then we end up realizing we don't even really know ourselves. I went with a space theme because I feel like



Poverty Branch's 2007 CD, *Putting the Old Horse Down*. Their new CD comes out Saturday.

the human heart is the final frontier, and we really never totally explore it."

To explain the genre used to musically express this notion, the band agreed on pegging their style as "indie pop rock with a folk influence."

Because of the addition of new members, the sound has a fuller quality than the first album, which was paired down and labeled as "indie folk."

While Burleson wrote quite a few of the songs on the 10-track CD, Cox also wrote a song on the album called "The Great Illusionist" and said that the writing and recording process was really balanced between all of the members.

"We all got a chance to contribute," he said.

Poverty Branch is excited about its future and the release of its new CD, but the band members still prefer to keep their goals simple.

"[We] view things kind of short term. We're like, 'Let's take care of what we need to do next,' instead of looking ahead 10 years," Rodriguez said. "One of our goals is to tour and get our CD released, but you know, one step at a time."

The other members concurred. "I think if we look too far into the future it's going to be overwhelming," Pratt added. "Sometimes your goals or ambitions ... don't work out and you get super bummed, so it's better to set short term goals and reach those first We're all just kind of along for the ride and loving where it's at."

Although they play it safe when it comes to expectations, they still speculate about the possibilities of the future.

"It's fun to talk about long term goals," Pratt said. "We all talk about it and we're like, 'When we're huge and we're touring with The Killers, or we're touring with Coldplay and they're opening for us ...' but whatever happens, who knows?"

Regardless, the band is happy with the album it produced while recording in Atlanta this past summer. "We're all really proud of this record, and whatever happens, happens," Cox said.

Judging by the success of its last CD, the band is off to a great start. One thousand copies of *Putting the Old Horse Down* were created, and only about 75 of them remain. Plus, the CD sold somewhere between 200 and 300 copies on iTunes, according to Cox.

Fans of the band aren't the only ones taking notice either. After playing a show in Ft. Lauderdale, one of the audience members asked if they would be interested in playing at a cancer benefit show — in New York. After learning that all of their expenses would be taken care of, of course the band complied and flew to New York City for a few days to rock out for charity.

Rob Rice, a local producer and musician, also thinks that things are looking bright for this up-and-coming band.

"I can't really name another band on their level that's local," Rice said. "With their new album out there, I think it's going to take them to a whole new level."

For a moment the instruments stop and the singers work to perfect their ambient harmonies. Cox sings the lower part, intertwining with the mid-range vocals of Burleson, while Rodriguez weaves in and out of the melodies in a higher range.

"It's kind of like a sandwich," Rodriguez said. "And they're kind of the bread," Burleson added — toasted bread, according to Cox.

The metaphor led May to conclude that he and Pratt must be the potato chips then.

In addition to a whole new set of songs, the band may have a few more tricks up its sleeves to ensure that the CD release show is memorable for their fans. "I'm building a rocket ship ... and there very well could be a robot battle," Burleson said. "Cardboard box robots That's what I'm hoping for."

If possible, space ice cream is a desirable addition to the show, or even more extreme, "ice from Mars. That would be so rad," Cox said.

Space ice cream, ice from Mars and robot battles aside, Poverty Branch is ready to kick off the release of *All Systems Go!!!* with a gigantic liftoff to explore the final frontier.

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Committee wants more time to review measure

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only apply to misdemeanor possession charges with no relating aggravating circumstances, such as assault or burglary.

"I think the logic and sensibility behind this proposed policy is undeniable," Rivard said.

And a majority of UCF's voting students agree. In February, with the help of the Colorado-based SAFER organization, the equalization measure was put to a referendum during Student Government Association elections. It passed with 57 percent.

The proposal garnered further support through endorsements by nine organizations, including the UCF Knights for Liberty, Code Pink, and the Future.

"The fact is, we got almost 60 percent on this back in February," said Mason Tvert, the co-founder and executive director of SAFER, which stands for Safer Alternative For Enjoyable Recreation. "We helped to get it started, but we are really just about trying to spark the debate. This recent



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Students and members of the UCF chapter of National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws lined the conference room at the Student Union on Tuesday.

referendum demonstrated that the students at UCF are passionate and involved, and want to take this proposal and try to get policy changed."

"Students see daily the harms associated with alcohol — the fights, the alcohol poisoning, the car accidents — and they shouldn't be penalized for making the safer decision," he said.

SAFER's stated mission is to work to educate the public, specifically college students,

about the relative safety of marijuana compared to alcohol and to advocate more evenhanded marijuana policies on college campuses.

Though the equalization proposal will likely pass with its major provisions intact, the Golden Rule Review Committee stills feels that a number of technicalities and specifics need to be worked out.

Madam Chair Ida Lattorre said that the committee was not ready to, and could not respon-

sibly vote decisively on, the measure without further debate and possibilities for amendments.

Members of the committee had not received the proposal until just more than a week before the meeting, while the task force assigned to drafting the proposal and the Student Senate both had months to review the original referendum.

"This is the first time we have had this debate in this committee, and there are a number of things to clarify," Lattorre said. "For one thing, we need to figure out how to penalize offending students who are already on probation under the Golden Rule for things other than minor substance abuse."

Other features of the proposal at issue were the amount of marijuana a student could possess to qualify for equalized punishment, the process by which the penalties would be enacted and the vague language in some sections of the proposal.

At the end of the discussion, with time having well run out, a

motion to table the equalization proposal by Lattorre was struck down, and it went to a vote.

The vote tied 3-3-1, and the Golden Rule Review Committee has scheduled a new debate and vote for January. The exact date has yet to be decided, but it will be posted on the committee's Web site once it is set.

The Golden Rule Review Committee hopes to use the

coming months to deliberate and amend further Rivard's proposal, which is expected to pass at January's meeting.

"I think the amendments that they made and want to make are wise amendments," Rivard said. "And I will work with them to push this measure as much as possible until students stop being sanctioned for making the safer decision."

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Site offers opportunities

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soup ladle at a homeless shelter on Dec. 10, we hope a camera catches it for the news, and we hope that those images help change the hearts and minds of people on the fence about the LGBT community."

The couple created a Web site, www.daywithoutagay.org, based off of the Join an Impact, a Web-based, grassroots organization, and since its Nov. 15 inception, the site has generated more than 100,000 hits with postings of volunteer opportunities in every state as well as opportunities in Washington, D.C., and internationally in Canada, Turkey and England.

Many groups in Orlando contributed to campaigning against Amendment 2 to no avail but intend to continue to voice their concerns against it.

According to the Web site, there are "30 states where individuals can still be fired simply for being gay or lesbian," and for those in fear of losing their jobs, the site offers other ways to participate, by spreading the word.

"The outcome of the elec-

tion where a majority of voters voted yes for Amendment 2 was devastating for those who worked tirelessly to get people to vote no," said Joyce Hamilton Henry, the director for the Central Regional Office of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida.

Henry also said that the amendment has negatively affected thousands of people not limited to the GLBT community and those who opposed will continue to work in hopes of broadened understanding and change.

"We recently formed a united coalition called 'One Orlando' as a result of the passage of Amendment 2 as well as other anti-gay amendments that have passed across the county that are very harmful," said Mary Meeks, an Orlando attorney. "The GLBT community and its allies need a better strategy to defend (against) those amendments and for equal rights. We fully support the join and impact initiative."

Meeks voiced some concerns about asking supporters to miss work.

"I think it's great to get people to volunteer for a cause," Meeks said. "I think it

will be difficult for many people to not go to work. I don't know how effective that will be. Many can't afford to do it, financially or out of fear of exposing themselves."

"I prefer the idea of not just dropping out but doing something constructive," Meeks said. "Instead of boycott, we try to do the opposite of that by buying services and goods from businesses that are friendly to our cause."

The One Orlando Web site provides links to lists of supportive businesses.

For those wishing to participate, the Habitat for Humanity of Orlando is listed as a source for volunteer opportunities on the Day Without a Gay Web site for those who will be participating on Dec. 10.

"We've gotten about six or seven people, and we are expecting more this week and next week that have signed up," Jennifer Gallagher, a representative of Habitat Orlando, said. "We've gotten a lot of inquiries from the Web site."

Volunteers will be doing general construction for habitat homes.

Honors offers smaller classes

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"I live in the honors dorms, and so I get to live in a community of people just like me," Sanak said. "I love the different activities we have and the overall sense of camaraderie. It has all the good points of a fraternity — like interests, friendships, a sense of family, living community — but without any of the negative parts — dues, socially demanding and a hierarchy."

One of the defining features of the honors college is its size. With less than 2,000 students enrolled in the entire college, it allows for students to have a much greater interaction with teachers and faculty, and all classes cap at 20 students. This is an aspect enjoyed by teachers and students alike.

"The smaller size does give it a more personal feel, and there is a great deal more interaction with the teacher," Sanak said. "This is especially helpful with classes such as sociology, where much of the learning takes place in discussion."

Honors student Mary Margaret's largest class contains approximately 20 students, and her smallest is a group of just 11 students. She said the tight-knit nature of the college can be great for meeting new people around campus and establishing a social network.

Other perks of being enrolled in the college include the ability to register early, which ensures the student that they will be more likely to get a specific class, private reading rooms and computer labs, housing dedicated to honors students and multiple scholarship opportunities.

In addition, the honors college serves as a stepping stone toward obtaining better and more high-paying jobs in the long run.

However, some students have trouble dealing with some of the increased academic pressure that comes with the personal attention from professors.

"I am actually having a problem with the honors professors right now," Lauren Fant, another student enrolled in the college, said. "I feel like they treat us as if we know everything, and if I try to ask a question, they act like I'm stupid and should know the answer."

Sanak also expressed that his experience with some professors at the college has been less than perfect.

"For some honors classes, the teachers expect more from us than the average student," Sanak said. "We were told when we signed up that the classes weren't harder, just more personal. Apparently some professors didn't get

'Your grades are, of course, paramount in Honors decision.'

— MARY MARGARET
HONORS STUDENT

the memo."

But Sanak said that, despite having to work with an increased academic load, he still manages to find time for his hobbies.

"There is a workload," Sanak said, "but I don't think it's that much different from regular classes. I certainly have more free time than my engineering friends, and I am able to play sports and socialize just fine."

To be accepted into the honors program, one must first be accepted into the university, and then submit a separate application for admission into the Burnett Honors College. Grades are a big focal point that is considered when selecting candidates, but Margaret said other factors can play an almost equally as important role.

"Your grades are, of course, paramount in honors decision," Margaret said. "But they also look a lot at community involvement and other activities. They want to have students who are all well-rounded."

Alternatively, students who qualify as National Merit Scholars gain automatic acceptance into the college. Both Sanak and Margaret fall into this category.

There are two types of honors certification. One is Honors in the Major, which denotes a two-year program of study for juniors and seniors to carry out independent research. This work culminates with a thesis based on their research, and academic course work along the way is overseen by the corresponding academic department.

The other, called University Honors, is for incoming freshmen to take advantage of, and it's where the smaller classes and greater sense of communication with the professor come in. University Honors also encourages students to become more actively involved with the learning process, rather than just sitting in a crowded auditorium and listening to lectures.

Freshmen who gain acceptance into the college are advised to take only two honors classes their first semester, in order to get a feel for things first before they get in too deep. In addition, all students must maintain an Honors GPA of at least 3.0 and a 3.2 UCF GPA overall.

Students aren't the only ones who can feel the strain the honors program can bring, though. Professors and other members of the faculty can also be overwhelmed at times.

Yan Fernandez, an astronomy professor at UCF, teaches both honors and standard courses. Fernandez said that one of the ways the pressure mounts for him as an instructor is the means in which his lectures have to be prepared.

"I have to tailor my presentation so that there is time for more student-instructor interaction as well as more peer-to-peer instruction," Fernandez said. "Also, I try to have students assimilate more material overall. I can cover a wider variety of topics in a course."

Fernandez got his Ph.D. in astronomy in 1999 at the University of Maryland, and has been working as an astronomer since the mid-1990s. He joined UCF in 2005, and he was chosen this year to teach honors astronomy courses.

Fernandez can often be found swamped in paper work, tirelessly slaving over a multitude of assignments that need to be graded for the next class. Fernandez said the more hands-on method of grading can be one of the downsides of teaching Honors classes.

"There's more grading to do, ironically," Fernandez said. "With a standard class, there are too many students to be doing a lot of grading by hand. We usually do it by computer. But with a small class, grading is feasible. A consequence of that is I can assign a lot more in-class activities and more homework problems that aren't just multiple-choice."

At the same time, however, he said that the face-to-face contact he is able to obtain with the students is an invaluable asset.

"Knowing your students by name is really terrific," Fernandez said. "That can't be done in a big class. You know your students better, and class time is more of a friendly get-together than a class period. At least, that is the ideal situation for me."

Alvin Wang, dean of the honors college, feels that both the faculty, and especially the students who inhabit the building, are some of the best and brightest the Central Florida community has to offer.

"Our honors students are among the most competitive on the campus," Wang said, and indicated that he is very proud of their drive and all the accomplishments they continue to achieve, in spite of all the hardships they have to overcome to get there.

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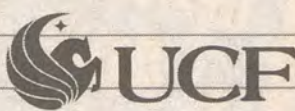
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Opinions mixed on Web usage

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Teachers who are active on Facebook and MySpace are often scrutinized by the media and public for having their personal lives sprawled across the Web for students to see. But some educators see the growing potential to use these new forms of communication as a way to connect with students in and outside of the classroom.

Ashley Sommer, a senior elementary education major, believes Facebook and Myspace may be a positive learning tool.

"I think if gone about the right way, Facebook could benefit student-teacher relationships," Sommer said. "It allows each party to see more into their personality and understand one another. It can also be a more efficient way to keep in touch."

Bethany Thompson-Gordon, a graduate student pursuing a certificate in science education, agrees.

"Students might see teachers to have 'with-it' qualities," Thompson-Gordon said. "It could probably have the added benefit of being used for educational purposes, like maybe explaining outside of school hours something to a student who has questions about class material."

Lundquist believes ultimately the world is headed in an online direction, although he believes text messaging, Facebook and MySpace aren't the most appropriate communications means at the moment.

"We are moving in an era of advanced technology which has developed way for teachers and students to communication on the computer," Lundquist said.

Currently, Oviedo High School uses two online programs for teachers and administrators to connect with students and parents, but in the near future networking sites may be used.

"Facebook and Myspace

becoming the next thing utilized for student/teacher relationships is a possibility," Lundquist said.

The controversy surrounding the use of these popular Web sites is that they often jeopardize student-teacher relationships. Student-teacher relationships have delicate, definite boundaries. Boundaries these Web sites may test.

Brittany Yeates, a senior elementary education major, is interested in teaching fourth or fifth grade. She plans on keeping her Facebook after she graduates, but does not expect to use the site to interact with future students.

"There needs to be a difference between the teacher being the teacher, and not the friend," Yeates said. "[Web sites have] stuff kids don't need to be exposed to, or even know about. I don't see kids needing to know all that information about their teacher."

Facebook and MySpace allow users to post a variety of private information on their pages. Addresses, hobbies, groups, interests, friends and up-to-date status reports all are available at the click of a button.

Lindsey English, a senior elementary education major, hopes to eventually teach fourth grade. She does not plan on using Facebook to communicate with students.

"I do not think Facebook should benefit student-teacher relationships," English said. "There are other ways a teacher can communicate to his/her students, such as a class Web site."

Other students are also concerned of students forming friendships through the Web.

Matt Snow, a senior elementary education major, believes parents will be uncomfortable with students and teachers corresponding online.

"I don't think Facebook has a place with students and teachers remaining in con-

tact," Snow said. "I have a hard time seeing parents okay to communicate with their teachers through Facebook."

Boundaries are important, Lundquist said.

"Obviously, there are ethics involved, and teachers need to make sure boundaries are in place," Lundquist said. "You need parameters. The current systems are set up to be user friendly, but not on a social level."

Many graduating seniors are concerned with the professionalism on their own pages and how their pages will be judged by employers.

English makes sure her Facebook is rid of any questionable material.

"I keep my Facebook professional," English said. "You have to be a role model all the time, not just during the school day."

Sommer is concerned with what employers will find. "I actually do worry about Facebook playing a role in the hiring process," Sommer said. "I have considered deleting my Facebook many times for that reason."

Lundquist says Facebook and MySpace currently do not play a role in his hiring process.

Still, students about to graduate should monitor what is posted about them on their pages.

Mrs. Gay Parker, President of Seminole County's Education Association, said teachers are currently not warned about posting personal content on popular social sites.

"All teachers are required to follow school board policies when accessing district-owned software and computers," Parker said.

If a teacher is found to have questionable material posted online, action is taken.

"The district has a security director to conduct investigations [on the Web]," Parker said. "The teachers are usually terminated immediately."

"I wouldn't put yourself in that position," Lundquist said.

Program to get tweaks

FROM A1

Although the sorority's overall goal is to gain physical fitness and health, they're still fighting to keep their title and be crowned winners at the closing ceremony next semester.

"We feel that we can achieve this because not only do we enter competitions to win, we also have our chapter goals at heart," Dieudonne said. "We are very motivated to see changes in our health habits so our diligence and commitment is what will drive us to win the overall competition."

Sigma Pi took the title of "Healthiest Fraternity of the Month," as well as the first fraternity to join the program. While Sigma Pi does not require members to participate in the program, individual response to join has been high.

"I firmly believe that the Sigma Pi lifestyle encourages the improvement of community and self," fraternity vice president Will Lusk said. Lusk is also the Student Government Association Chair for the Conference Registration and Travel Committee. "Naturally, physical fitness is one aspect of self improvement."

Lusk said members have

joined for a variety of reasons, whether it is to get in shape, have fun or better represent the organization. Still, Sigma Pi hopes to retain their lead and make themselves known to the UCF community.

"My Sigma Pi brothers are amongst the most ambitious people I have ever met, and I see no reason why Sigma Pi cannot come out on top at the end of the competition," Lusk said.

Program Updates

After its initial month, "Get in Shape the Knight Way" has undergone changes to its program in an effort to further encourage student participation and success.

SGA Student Health Coordinator Anthony Cobb has created the "Get in Shape the Knight Way Cup" to be given out at the closing ceremony in March to both the fraternity and sorority with the highest per capita point totals. Currently, Cobb is working to enroll all of Greek Park in the program.

"Eat Smart, Eat Knight" signs are finally up at restaurants around campus. Freshens, Subway, Qdoba Mexican Grill, Burger King, Jimmy John's, Smoothie King, Einstein Bros. Bagels and Chick-fil-A will have signs detailing

the green and yellow-coded food selections. Domino's, located off campus, will also have the signs. Yellow foods should only be consumed once or twice a week; however, green foods are considered daily options.

Point accumulation has also been altered. Students who bring a group of two or more friends to the gym still gain five points for their initiative, but now every member of the group gains five points.

Participation in intramural sports has been added to the list of applicable activities. Students should submit a team roster and practice and game schedule to the SGA office on the second floor of Student Union. Points will then be added for every individual signed up for the program.

Additionally, information about scholarship programs will be introduced in the first weeks of the spring semester. The scholarships will be awarded to students who lead group fitness activities and actively recruit new participants.

If you are interested in joining the program but have not yet signed up, contact Anthony Cobb via e-mail at SGA_Health@mail.ucf.edu.



Sigma Pi was the winning fraternity in the first month of the "Get in Shape the Knight Way" program. The winners also included Delta Sigma Theta, which was named the Healthiest Sorority of the Month, and Andrea Sinkover, who was the first student winner.



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FOOTBALL



BURRESS RETURNS TO GIANTS STADIUM AFTER SHOOTING

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Plaxico Burress arrived at Giants Stadium on Tuesday, facing the possibility his career with the Super Bowl champions could be over and he could land in jail after accidentally shooting himself in the thigh at a nightclub.

Burress was required to be at the stadium because he is on the active roster and injured.

Burress accidentally shot himself in the right thigh at a Manhattan nightclub over the weekend. Burress was charged with two counts of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon Monday, which could result in a prison sentence up to 15 years if he is convicted.

Police were still searching Tuesday for more answers from teammate Antonio Pierce and the hospital that treated Burress. Pierce was with Burress at the nightclub, and police want to know what the linebacker did moments after the shooting and whether he helped cover up what happened.

On Monday, Burress posted \$100,000 bail and was told by the judge that his next appearance won't be until March 31. In the meantime, the Giants and the NFL will have to make a decision about what to do with the wide receiver.

New York could suspend him again or deactivate him for Sunday's home game against the Eagles. The Giants could go as far as releasing Burress, but that would put a strain on the team's salary cap next season.

BUCS' D-COORDINATOR MUM ON TENNESSEE RUMORS

TAMPA — Although the Tampa Bay Buccaneers expect to have Monte Kiffin drawing up defensive game plans for the rest of the season, his future with them remains unclear.

Neither Kiffin or the Bucs have done anything to end speculation that the 68-year-old defensive coordinator has decided to leave the NFL to work for his son, Lane, the new coach at the University of Tennessee.

Bucs general manager Bruce Allen said there have been discussions before about the possibility of Kiffin leaving Tampa Bay to join his son. Head coach Jon Gruden said either way, Kiffin will be with Tampa Bay at least through the end of the season.

Under Kiffin's leadership, Tampa Bay's defense has allowed the fewest points in the NFL since 1997 and ranked in the top 10 in fewest yards allowed 10 of the last 11 seasons.

BASKETBALL



WADE SCORES 37 AS HEAT TOP WARRIORS IN OT THRILLER

OAKLAND, Calif. — Chris Quinn hit a tying 3-pointer with 7.1 seconds left in overtime, Michael Beasley stole the ensuing inbound pass and made the decisive free throw, and the Heat pulled off a wild 130-129 comeback win over the Warriors on Monday night.

Jamal Crawford, who scored 40 points, missed a running jumper at the buzzer as the Warriors dropped their seventh straight game.

Udonis Haslem scored on a putback for Miami at the buzzer to force the extra session.

Miami's Dwyane Wade finished with 37 points and 13 assists, and Haslem and Shawn Marion each had 21 points.

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By the numbers

The good, the bad and the ugly from the Knights' year

PADRICK BREWER
Editor-In-Chief

The recently finished 4-8 season for the UCF Football team was not the worst record in history, nor was the average attendance of 39,596.

But that doesn't mean that the season was pretty.

UCF head coach George O'Leary is not Mike Leach, the offensive guru for Texas Tech, but O'Leary has had offensive success in his previous 11 years at the collegiate level.

Before this season, the fewest yards an O'Leary team averaged per game was 278.9 in 2001, his last season with Georgia Tech. In every other season, his teams averaged at least 334 yards per game, and five averaged more than 390 yards per game.

But this season was different. With injuries and a unit made of young, inexperienced and even some unqualified players, the UCF offense sputtered and struggled in almost every game.

But the Knights were a different team on the other side of the ball. The offense has to be thankful that at least the defense stepped up as one of Conference USA's elite units, or the 2008 season could have been much worse.

Here is a breakdown of the season by the numbers; (all figures as of Nov. 29):

Offense

Excluding plays and drives that were kneeldowns to end a half or special teams plays, UCF ran 757 plays in 160 drives.

Of those plays, 144 went for zero yards or negative yards, or about 19 percent.

Of the 160 drives, 38 were for zero yards or negative yards, almost 24 percent.

All of that meant that for almost every five times the Knights snapped the ball, they would either go nowhere or go backward.

UCF averaged 229.1 yards per game, which was the worst by far in the country and one of the worst in recent memory.

It was worse than all but four teams from the Football Championship Series, worse than all but six teams in Division II and worse than all but 11 teams in Division III.

In the past 10 years, only South Carolina in 1999 (228.64), Baylor in 2000 (221.82), Rutgers in 2002 (214) and Temple in 2006 (215.67) have had worse yards per game averages in the Football Bowl Subdivision than the 2008 Knights.

The Knights should feel lucky that they won four games this season with that low of a yardage total. Those other four teams combined for a record of 4-42.

In fact, 46 players in the FBS averaged more total offense per game than the entire UCF team did.

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98

Combined total tackles for a loss, making UCF defenders fifth in the country

42

Wide receiver Brian Watters' number of catches, totalling 594 yards

88

Sophomore Blake Clingan single-season record of punts

39,596

Average attendance of home football games

24

Percent of UCF drives that went for negative or 0 yards

366

Total return yards by the defense



Whether it was from dropped passes, poor quarterback play or an inconsistent running game, the Knights finished the 2008 season with the lowest offensive yards per game average among the 119 FBS squads.

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Men's Basketball

Knights fall in Cancun finale

Lose to winless Morehead State

RYAN BASS
Staff Writer

The word comeback seems to be the theme for the UCF Men's Basketball team at the Cancun Challenge in Mexico, as it mustered another one in its game on Sunday against Morehead State.

Unfortunately, what hasn't been the theme for the Knights (3-3) is the word finish, and that's exactly what they didn't do with their comeback on Sunday, falling to the Eagles 71-65 after miscues on a couple of late possessions.

It was the Eagles' first win in seven games this season.

The Knights used their full-court press defense to cut

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WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY

The Knights lost their first-ever meeting with Morehead State on Sunday. It was the Knights' first loss to a team that is in the Ohio Valley Conference since being beaten, 63-58, by Tennessee-Martin on Dec. 15, 2002. The Knights' all-time record versus the 10 current members of the OVC is 12-13.

BACK HOME

By the time of this Saturday's game against South Florida, the Knights will have spent the past 20 days without a game in Florida. It is the team's longest streak without a game in this state since 2003, when games at Campbell, Gardner Webb and Niagara separated UCF home games by 24 days.

SCOREBOARD

71-65

Morehead State vs. UCF

into a 14-point deficit. They used a 9-2 run, sparked by a couple of steals and two Taylor Young free throws, to

eventually come within two points with less than a minute to play. Young made 1-of-2 free throws to cut the lead to 65-63, but Jermaine Taylor missed a 3-pointer, and the Eagles' Cecil Brown knocked down a pair of free throws to put the game away.

Taylor registered a double-double with 22 points and 10

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The Knights couldn't pull out a win against Morehead State despite a double-double from senior guard Jermaine Taylor. He finished the contest with 22 points and 10 rebounds.

Shooters hit all iron in defeat

FROM A8

rebounds and led the way for the Knights for the entire game.

However, Taylor shot just 8-of-22 from the field and made only four of his 13 attempts from beyond the arc. Tony Davis also recorded a double-double in the game with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

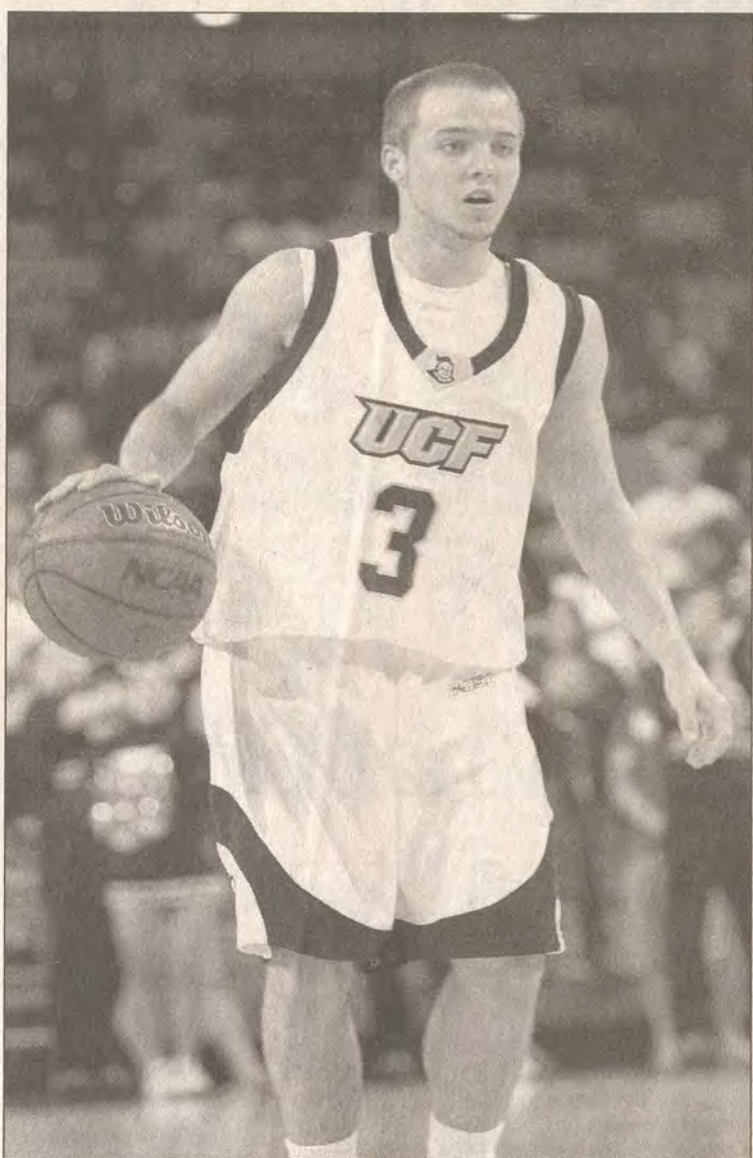
UCF shot only 30.8 percent from the field for the game, but did shoot its best percentage from the free-throw line all season, knocking down 79.2 percent of attempts from the line, including 15-for-18 in the second half.

After leading 34-26 at the half, the Eagles used a couple of triples from Maze Stallworth, who had a team-high 17 points, and John Lamb to extend their lead to 60-46 with less than 6 minutes to play. Then the Knights rallied back, only to fall short in the final 37 seconds.

Statistically, the Knights didn't look that bad against the Eagles. They held the advantage on the glass, 40-35, including 19 offensive rebounds. They also scored more second-chance points — 14 compared to eight — and outscored Morehead State from their bench players, 14-7.

UCF had its problems containing the Eagles offensively. They shot 45.3 percent from the floor and 42.1 percent from 3-point range.

Numerous Knights struggled shooting the ball on Sunday, including freshmen guards A.J. Rompza and Isaac Sosa. Rompza didn't register a point as he went 0-of-6 from the field and 0-of-3 from downtown. Sosa wasn't any better, scoring just three points and hitting just one 3-point basket out of the five he attempted.



COREY MAYNARD / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
Guard A.J. Rompza couldn't find his shooting touch on Sunday versus Morehead State. He didn't score a point and was 0-of-6 from the field, including 0-of-3 from beyond the arc.

Despite falling to Morehead State, the Knights went 2-1 in the Cancun Challenge, defeating South Dakota State on Saturday and New Mexico back on Nov. 22.

After five consecutive road games, the Knights will return to the UCF Arena and welcome rival South Florida to Orlando on Saturday night.

It will be the Knights' first home game since their season-opener against North Carolina A&T, which was 20

days ago.

The Bulls, who went 12-19 last season, including 3-15 in the Big East, are off to a 3-1 start this season. They have already recorded a victory against a Conference USA opponent, a 60-46 triumph over the SMU Mustangs to open their season.

The last time the Bulls and Knights faced each other, it was in Tampa on Dec. 1, 2007. South Florida came away with a 75-67 win.

Scoring reaches new low

FROM A8

As a point of comparison to the Knights' 229.1 yards per game, Kevin Smith averaged 200.64 yards of offense per game by himself last season.

Quarterback Rob Calabrese led the Knights in total offensive yards per game with 85.78. Fellow C-USA quarterback Case Keenum of Houston averaged nearly five times that amount per game (416.1).

A lot of UCF's ineptitude came from the consistent inconsistency from the quarterbacks and wide receivers. Brian Watters led the team with 42 catches for 594 yards and three touchdowns. His 594 yards were the second-fewest for a team-leading receiver since UCF joined the FBS in 1996.

Four times — against USF, Miami, Memphis and UAB — the Knights started the game with a three-and-out.

With the inability to move the ball came the inability to put points on the board.

The Knights scored 199 points, an average of 16.6 per game. That average is the fifth smallest in school history, and the second time since 1983 that the Knights failed to score at least 18 points per game.

The second half was the one in which UCF struggled most. For the season, the Knights were outscored 185-75. Basically, the Knights' point total for the entire season was just a couple of scores more than what their opponents scored against them in the second half alone.

Defense

The defense was not as good as the offense was bad, but it was good enough to keep UCF close in several games.

The UCF defense had its work cut for it. The unit was on the field for 32:12 per game, and

twice it had to be on the field for more than 40 minutes.

Even spending that much time on the field, the defense was ranked second in C-USA, allowing 333.75 yards per game.

The "Smokin' Aces" secondary held opposing quarterbacks to a 107.46 efficiency ranking, 20th best in the country, and they tied for 8th in the FBS and led C-USA with 18 interceptions.

But it wasn't just the secondary shutting people down.

UCF defenders were fifth in the country, combining for 98 total tackles for a loss, led by Bruce Miller with 17. That total is tied for 15th-most in the nation.

The UCF defense also kept opponents off the board early, and aside from the USF, did not allow an opponent to score on its opening drive all season.

The defense also served as a source of offense, scoring two touchdowns and registering 399 total return yards — 311 yards on interceptions and 88 yards on fumble returns.

The 399 yards meant that the UCF defense contributed about 14.5 percent as many yards as the offense did all season, even though the defense never once got the ball on purpose.

Special teams

The Knights' best offensive player never played offense: senior punt returner Joe Burnett.

Burnett was dynamic, keeping the Knights in the game with big returns and interceptions, and he finished the season with 1,226 total return yards, making the defender the most effective offensive weapon on the team. He more than doubled the yardage output of the next closest player, Brian Watters.

Sophomore Blake Clingan was one of the most oft-used Knights this season.

He set a UCF single-season record with 88 punts, a mark that is about as likely to be broken as Smith's rushing marks from last season. It was also 13 punts shy of tying the NCAA mark for most punts in a season.

Clingan punted more times than either quarterbacks Rob Calabrese or Michael Greco completed passes. His punts totaled 3560 yards, more than 800 yards more than UCF's total offensive output.

Clingan averaged 73 punts per game. Just six other punters in the FBS averaged more than six punts per game.

He now has 147 punts in his two-year career, a mere 37 away from owning the UCF career record.

Before the season Jason Dodds, a transfer from South Carolina was supposed to be the kicker. Then it was Nick Cattoi, a true freshman, and finally it was Daren Daly, a transfer from Miami.

Daly had the most success, if 4-of-9 on field goals is success. His 26 points led the team.

It was the smallest total for a team-leading scorer in UCF history, significantly worse than the 180 Smith scored last season.

Final words

If you want to sum up the Knights' season, just look at how they started and finished the year.

Predicted to repeat as Conference USA East Division champions, UCF opened the 2008 season with a 17-0 victory against the South Carolina State Bulldogs.

But, as the weeks went by and the losses piled up, the Knights found themselves out of bowl contention. In its season finale, UCF flopped, falling 15-0 to UAB. The Knights were the only C-USA team to be shut out in any game this year.

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OUR STANCE

Demand decides gas prices

Well it's officially a recession, but more importantly to the many penny pinchers out there, it's officially the beginnings of affordable gas prices.

As gas prices went up, consumer spending, travel and anything affected by consumer spending and travel went down.

And down some more.

And down even further.

Until we got here, in a recession.

Surely gas prices weren't the cause of the recession, but it certainly did play a powerful role as food prices and nearly everything else inflated just as rapidly as pumps robbed checking accounts across the country.

Regardless, it feels good to spend \$20 filling up the tank opposed to the \$40 it took just a month or so ago.

But as prices stay low, one can't help but think how this is affecting profits. Is this a sign that gas companies are going to be the next contenders for chapter 11 bankruptcy?

Hardly.

According to a report by *USA Today*, retail gas prices may have dropped by 55 percent since July, but wholesale prices that gas stations use to buy their gas have dropped by 68 percent, leading to a surge in profits for stations across the

nation.

If wholesale prices have dropped so significantly, charging us cheaper prices may seem like a sure sign of failure, but we're essentially still being charged enough to make these gas moguls a pretty penny.

In fact, the report stated that gas companies are making more today than they were when stations were charging more than \$4 a gallon.

It may seem like the best of both worlds. They're making money. We're saving money. But how long is this really going to last?

Well the answer to that really can't be solved without wondering how long demand will stay down.

What got us into the gas price blues in the first place was the fact there was a limited supply of oil and a huge demand from our giant SUVs and gas-guzzling cars.

Not to mention our complete ignorance toward how much oil we consume in a given year.

As gas prices crept up, we reversed the effect by cutting back.

Many people got hybrid cars, some people just cut back their travels and other resorted to a good old-fashioned bicycle.

It wasn't uncommon to hear students whining about gas prices in classes nearly every

day.

Likewise, it was no shocker to see students utilizing the shuttle systems or even walking to campus.

In essence, we lowered the demand, and now we're reaping the benefits of that.

Therefore, the only way for this trend to continue is keep demand right where it's at.

Our country should continue to promote greener vehicles and push for new technology. The more we move forward, the less travel will be a significant expense.

Clay Ingram, a spokesman for AAA in Alabama, told *The Tuscaloosa News* that this is precisely what needs to happen.

"Everybody needs to remember to enjoy this while we can, but continue to use the energy conservation habits we've developed," Ingram said. "These lower gas prices that we're seeing are actual, hard proof that energy conservation really works. We're now reaping the benefits."

It seems like the ball is in our court now.

If we want to keep these low gas prices, we're going to have to keep the demand down and keep pushing for a greener America.

Falling prices today simply can't hold us back from a healthier tomorrow.



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What do women really want? Jerks

What is it about jerks that women absolutely love?

We say we hate them. We say we'll never date them. We claim that we have standards that a jerk will never live up to. Yet, when it comes down to it, jerks are who we're with at the end of the day.

Growing up, my mom used to snarl at me, "Nice guys always finish last." Of course, this was her manipulative attempt to get me to date who she wanted me to date rather than whom I actually liked. Either way, I really think she was on to something there. Do nice guys really finish last?

As I sit here watching a rerun of *True Life: I'm Jealous*, I can't help but ponder on the many relationships I encounter each and every day. The girls on this show are absurd.

They spend so much of their lives, on camera at that, stressing about some guy who doesn't seem to really care about them. Why do they do this? Is it for ratings? I'd like to say yes, but I see it every day not only with my friends, but also with myself.

The truth of the matter is it's all about the chase. It's all about conquering the unconquerable. It's all about being that special lady who can break past a guy's wall of macho man-ness and get inside his heart. Just like Carrie in *Sex in the City*, we leave our near-perfect Aids for our emotionally unstable Mr. Bigs. It's just more exciting that way.

I have a friend who is an amazing guy.



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He's emotionally available. He's sensitive. He's thoughtful. He's kind. He's good looking. He's even family oriented, educated and a romantic.

But most curiously, he's single. On paper, he's perfect, but in reality, he's single. He has the hardest time with women, because they simply don't want a perfect guy. They want a guy they can impact. It's that whole "I'm going to take him under my

wing and fix him" syndrome that so many of us fall subject to.

Disney did so many of us girls a severe disservice. It wasn't the fact that they made up perfect men in their movies to come save the beautiful princess, it was the fact that they led us to believe that the beautiful princess was actually happy with the perfect man.

You can debate me all you want. You can tell me you believe in perfect, storybook romances, but take a look around. Prince Charming is probably off somewhere sobbing, while some toolbag is off bickering with his girl.

Now don't get me wrong. Girls will still be entranced with their ideas of who Mr. Perfect should be, but take it from a pro, there's something about being the one who can bring the prince out of the prick that makes it all worthwhile.

So keep on keeping on ladies, you'll find the right one one day, it just may take a bulldozer to find the true charm behind the jerk. However, whether it's worth the months of construction is a task force only you can tackle.



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Education is key to AIDS prevention

As another World AIDS Day comes and goes, with people wearing ribbons and bracelets and donating money to various charitable organizations, one can only wonder what progress has been made in the fight against AIDS since the public was made aware of this serious disease during the 1980s.

It seems that much AIDS research and advocacy has shifted toward education and prevention rather than attempting to find a cure. Last week, a group of researchers at the World Health Organization presented an idea that could all but eliminate new HIV infections within 10 years.

The plan calls for adults and teens to be tested every year for HIV, and those that test positive should be given anti-retroviral drugs that are used for treating AIDS currently. The goal is to stop the spread of new infections so that the disease is relatively contained, and eventually it will be non-existent.

According to *The New York Times*, the implementation of this plan would be easier said than done. Without making HIV tests mandatory, how do you convince people to get tested once a year?

A valid question when some people don't even get standard physicals every year. The answer lies in government regulation, and it is part of the reason healthcare costs are so out of control.

According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the United States spends roughly 16 percent of gross domestic product on healthcare and still has 16 percent of the population not covered by any health insurance. Many other countries,

including Sweden, Ireland, Canada and the United Kingdom, spent 7 percent to 9 percent of GDP on healthcare and have universal healthcare which covers nearly everyone.

There are many reasons for our unbelievable healthcare expenditures, but what it really boils down to is preventative care. The UCF Health Center has begun to proactively educate students on the risks of diseases like AIDS and meningitis.

The program called "Get the Knight Protection" aims to distribute information about common diseases that can be avoided by just taking a few simple steps and lifestyle changes.

Regarding AIDS, the Health Center says that one in four people don't know they are infected and that minorities are at the greatest risk of infection.

Former NBA superstar Magic Johnson initially said that he did not know how he contracted HIV, but he later admitted that it was because he had multiple sexual partners during his basketball career.

If we just took the time to educate ourselves and took precautionary measures, many of the rampant diseases that exist today would most likely not be the epidemics that they have become.

During the late 1980s and early 1990s, AIDS was commonly associated with homosexuality, and it was thought that only a small percentage of HIV-positive people had contracted it from heterosexual sex.

Whether that was true or not is up for debate because the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were just beginning to learn about HIV and AIDS and had no way of accurately tracking it.

After more than 20 years of research, though, it has become clear that AIDS is not just a "gay disease," because 80 percent of female infections come from heterosexual relations, according to information provided by the UCF health center.

President Bush has actually done more good for the AIDS epidemic, particularly in Africa, than any other president.

Under the Bush administration, more than 2 million people infected with HIV have received the lifesaving anti-retroviral drugs as part of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

Even Barack Obama praised the president for his uncharacteristically selfless policy.

Obama said in a videotaped message to the Saddleback Civil Forum on Global Health, "I salute President Bush for his leadership in crafting a plan for AIDS relief in Africa and backing it up with funding dedicated to saving lives and preventing the spread of the disease."

While we applaud the Bush administration for further expanding the AIDS relief program this year, it simply isn't enough to combat the spread of this deadly virus.

The World Health Organization estimates that another 7,500 infections occur daily and more than 33 million people are currently living with the disease. Something drastic must be done soon to help stop the spread of HIV and AIDS.

While we wouldn't normally advocate overbearing government regulations, mandatory annual health screenings may be the only way to open up the eyes of every man, woman and child to the health problems that threaten the future of human existence.

The media really love white people

Other than Barack Obama's successful bid for election, one news story has captured the attention of the entire nation, and it all started right here in Orlando.

The Caylee Anthony and Casey Anthony case has received vigorous, non-stop coverage in local and national media since the mid-summer. The story has a copious amount of front-page headline news potential due to the unusual circumstances of the case: a white girl goes missing, and it appears that her white mother could have murdered her.

Back in 2002, CNN, MSNBC and that other national news station made reports and conducted investigations on the abduction of Elizabeth Smart. The 14-year-old white Smart had been taken from her bed while her younger white sister watched in fear and silence, pretending to sleep so that she wouldn't be taken as well.

By far the most famous missing persons story is that of JonBenet Ramsey, the 6-year-old beauty pageant contestant who disappeared from her family's home, in December 1996.

The most recent report concerning the Ramsey case popped up in the news this past July, nearly 12 years later. JonBenet Ramsey also happened to be young, white and female.

Are you noticing a pattern?

It is no coincidence that the vast majority of missing persons cases with expansive media attention involve white female minors. News is a media like any other. Beyond informing you of current events, news in this country is meant to entertain, because entertainment makes money. In order to entertain the most people and make the most money, news companies report on the topics that they feel can appeal to the widest audiences.

Over the years, these companies have slowly boiled missing persons reporting down to a science, and the missing young white female has become the archetype for this sort of story. These are the characteristics of a modern damsel in distress, as



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defined by modern American reporting, and damsels in distress are quite appealing to audiences. Ask yourself questions: Can you recall ever seeing a kidnapped black girl making headline news? How about a teenage hispanic male, or an Asian boy from a single-parent household? Sometimes I think: "Maybe we're just lucky. Maybe the only people in America who get kidnapped are those unfortunate

white girls, meaning that I'm in the clear. I'm black AND I'm a male."

Or maybe America's news media is racially biased and pays no attention to people of any color that isn't white.

It shames me to say American news reporting is still racially biased, even when reporting on events as serious as child abduction. Media coverage is key in finding missing children; more media attention means more people seeing the face of the child or maybe hearing his/her voice. If the typical white girl in distress goes missing and her story receives national coverage, millions of people get a chance to see her face and listen to her story over and over again. But if little Jonny Doe gets taken from the hands of his black parents and no one reports on it, the odds of his situation becoming headline news are slim, meaning a few million less people will go unaware of his absence.

Placing media focus on one race is racist, because it implies that the race being consistently reported on is the only race that is important. The average reader, viewer or listener of the news is led to believe that anything reported on is relevant and important. Therefore, anything not reported on can be considered irrelevant and unimportant.

Every story about a typical missing white girl further insinuates the idea that, of all children, white girls are the most important. These stories imply that the welfare of white women is a top priority of the American public. There is no legitimate explanation and no reasonable excuse for news organizations to promote this kind of racism.

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10 Air current
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12 Catlike
13 Starring roles
22 Inch Nails
24 Red table wine
26 Well-oiled grp.?
27 Mystique
28 Loose weight?
30 Went by dugout
32 Retirement grp.
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44 A single time
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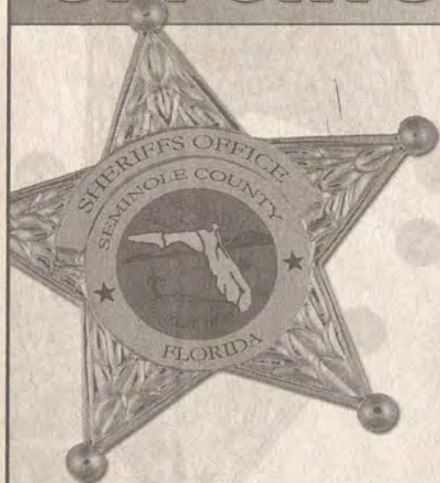
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Last issue solved

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50 Clay brick
51 Seth of "Superbad"
52 Gives off
53 Bean or Welles
54 Battery type
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59 Bad to the bone
60 Berett of sensation

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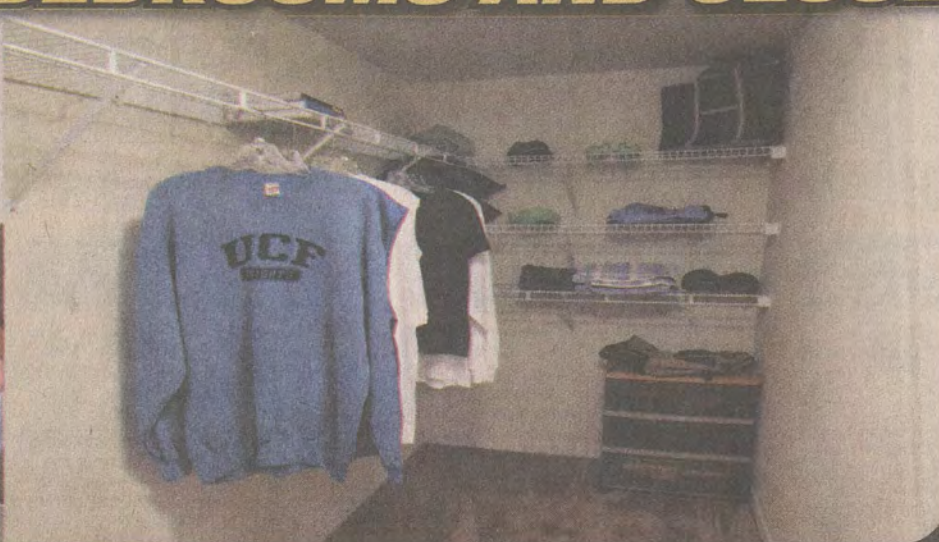
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
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